Modeling an Energy-Intensive Economy in the Face of Uncertainty

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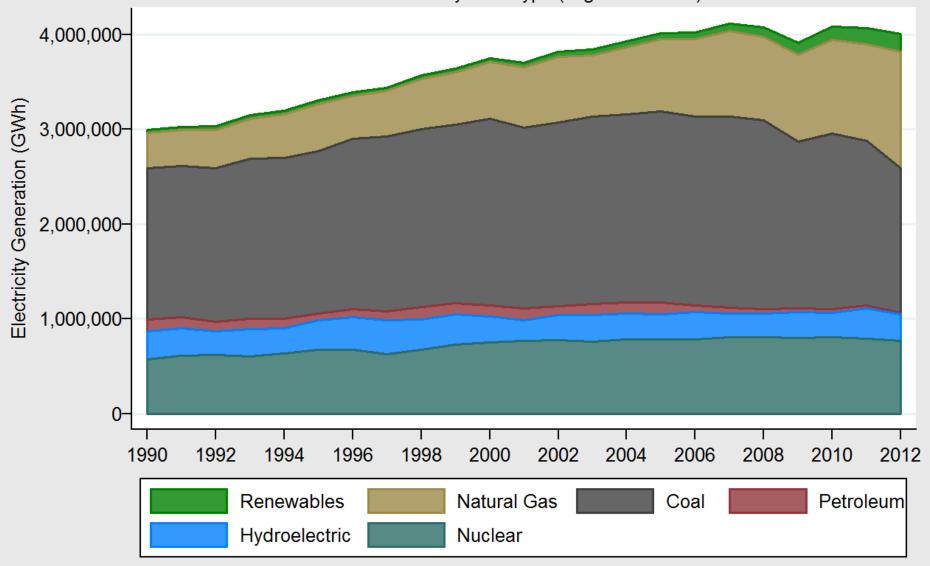
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Context

Electricity in Kentucky

United States Electricity Generation, 1990-2012

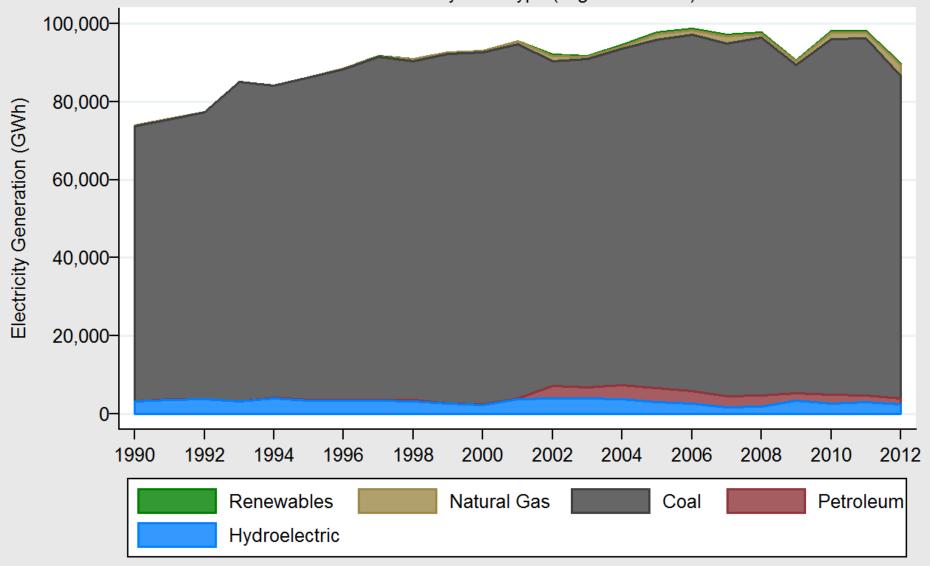
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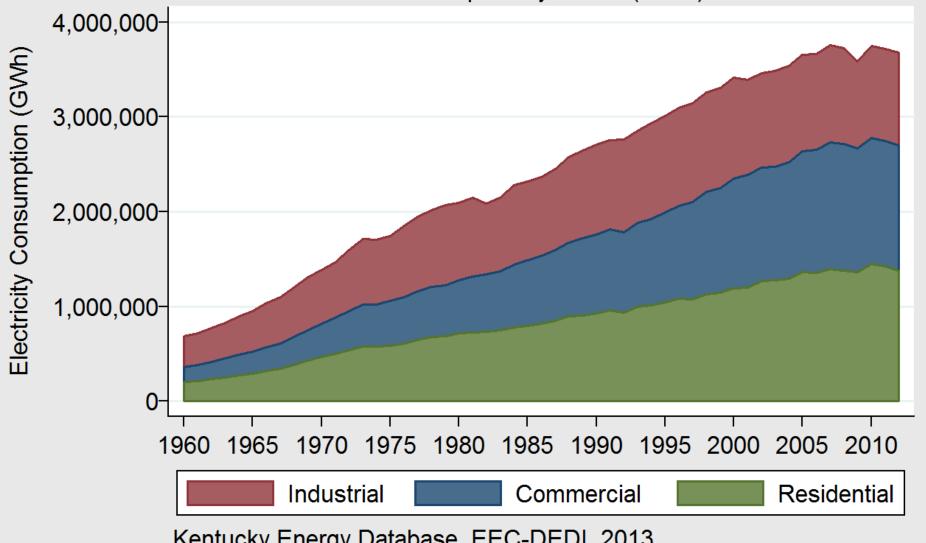
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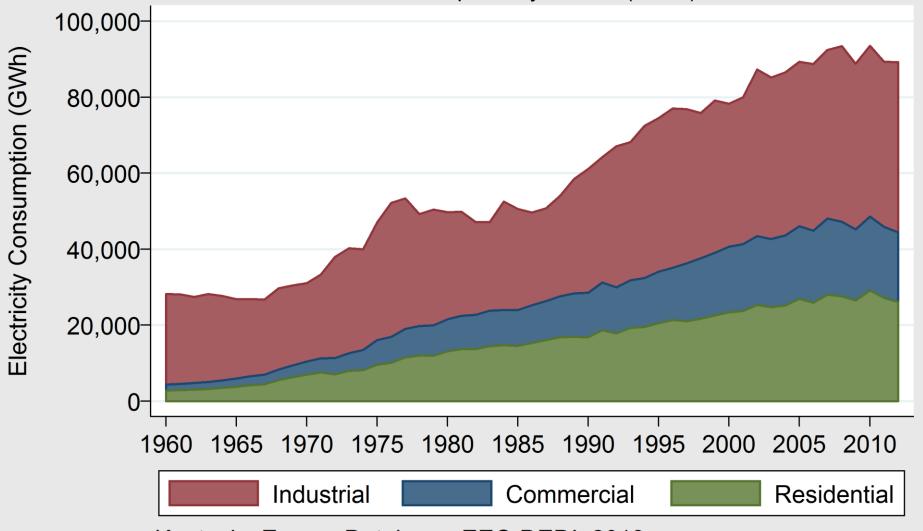
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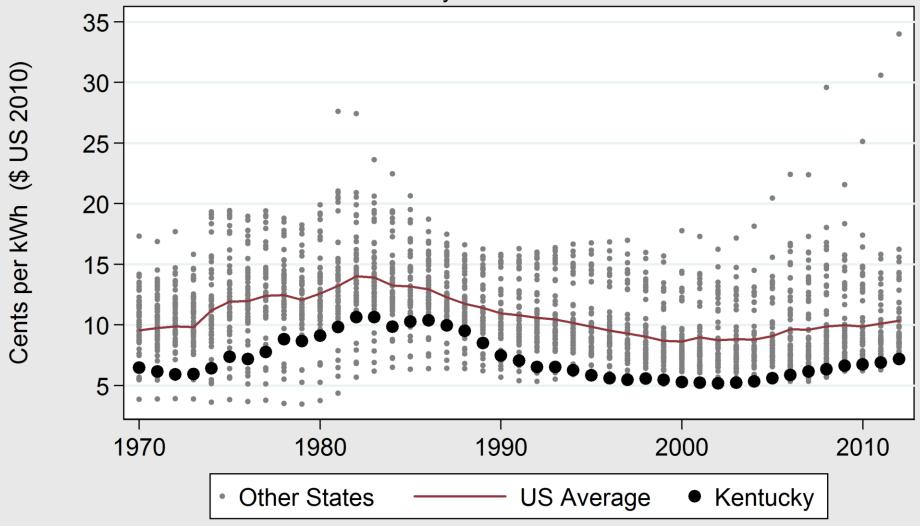
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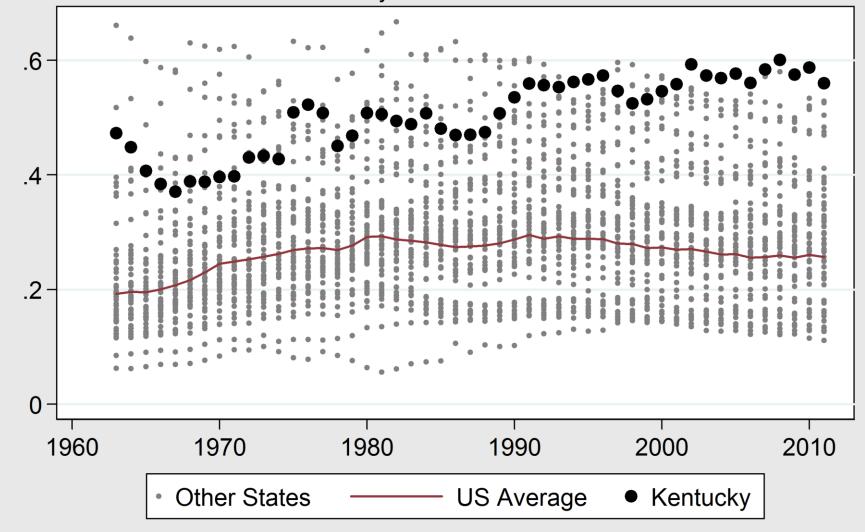
Kentucky Average Real Electricity Price, 1970-2012 Kentucky vs. the United States



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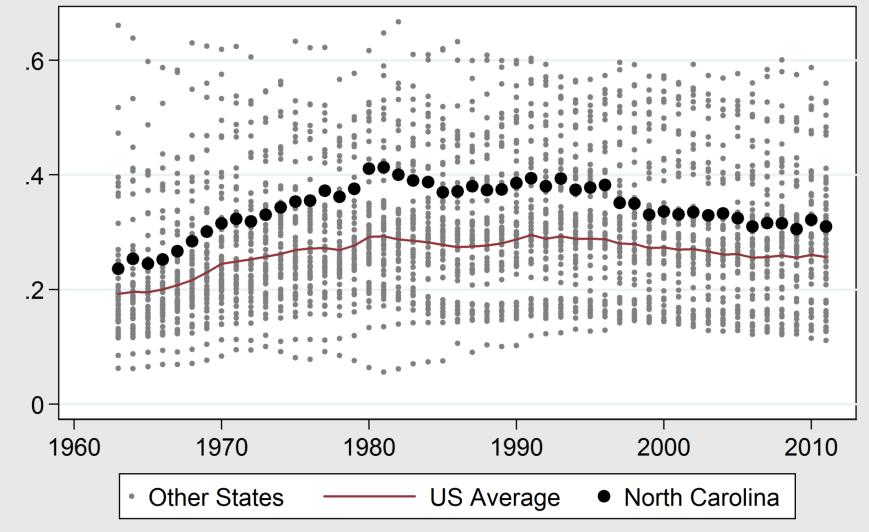
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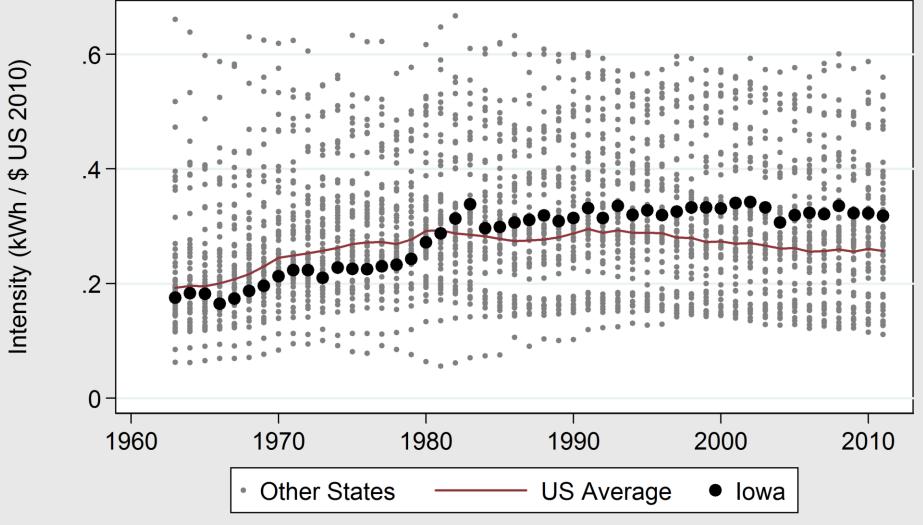
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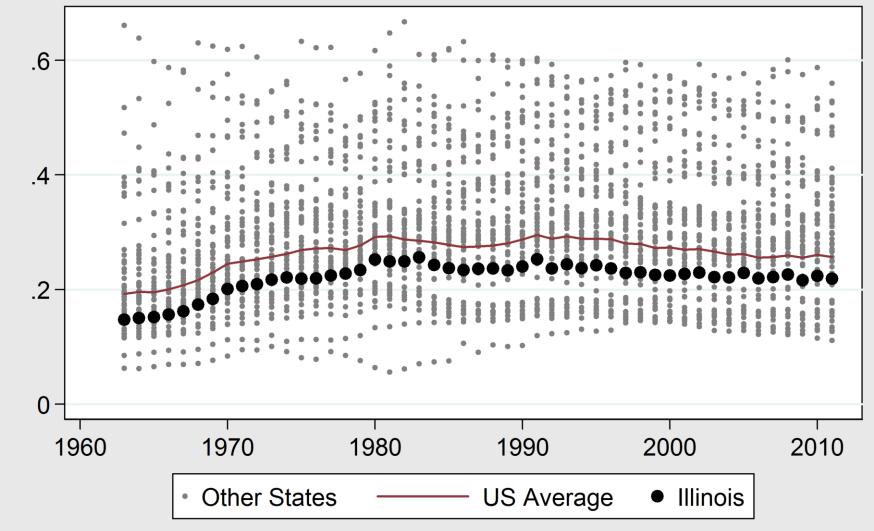
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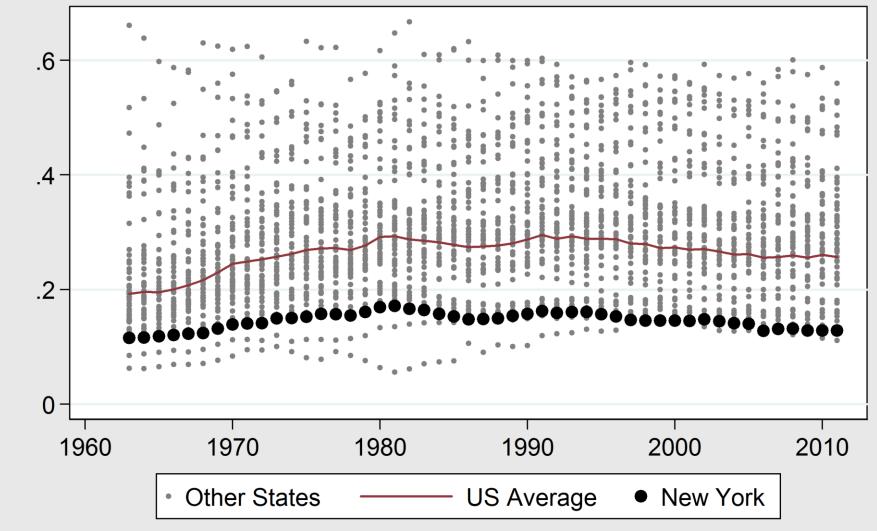
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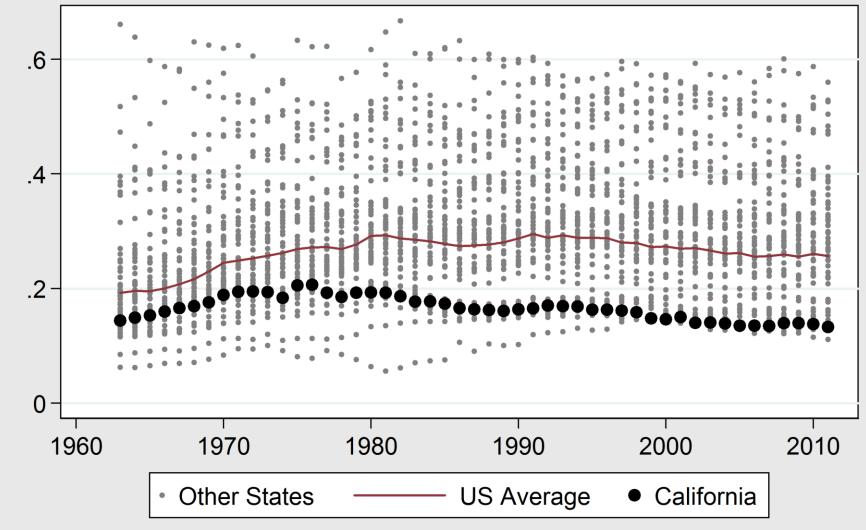
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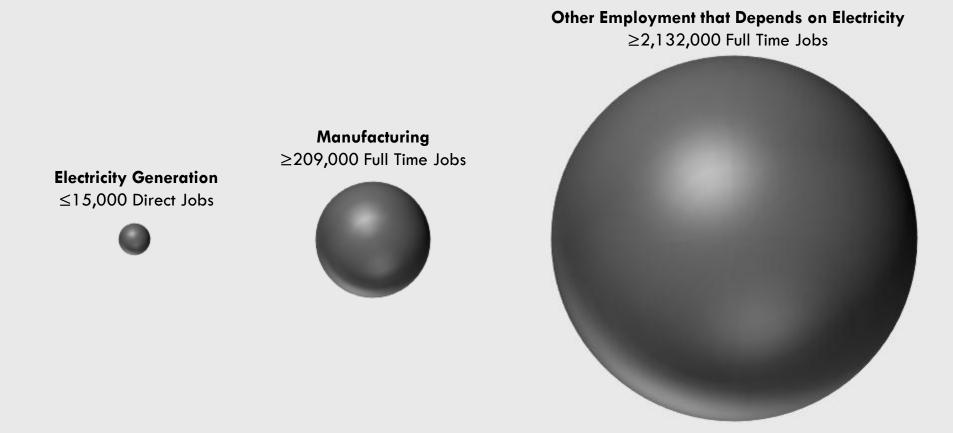
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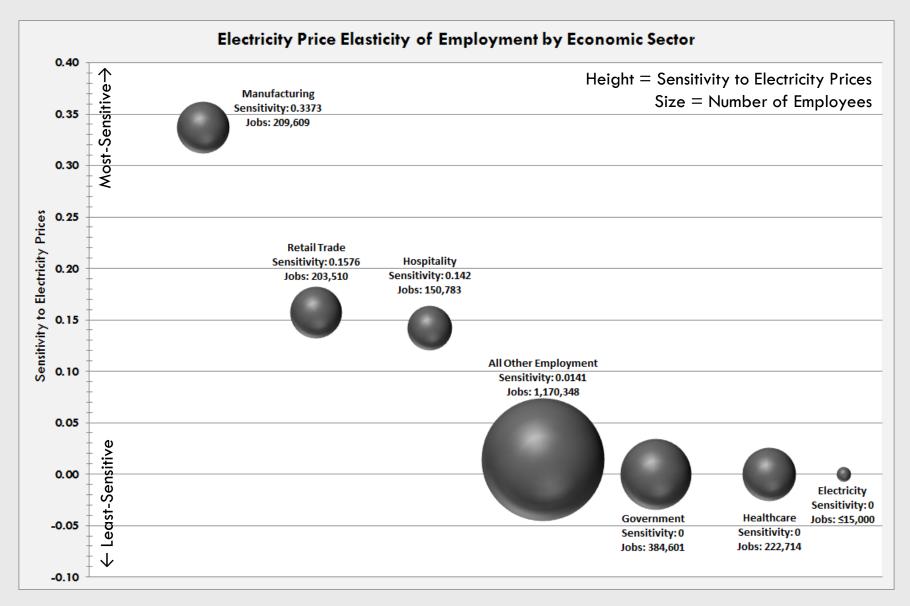
Model Analysis

Electricity Portfolios and Employment

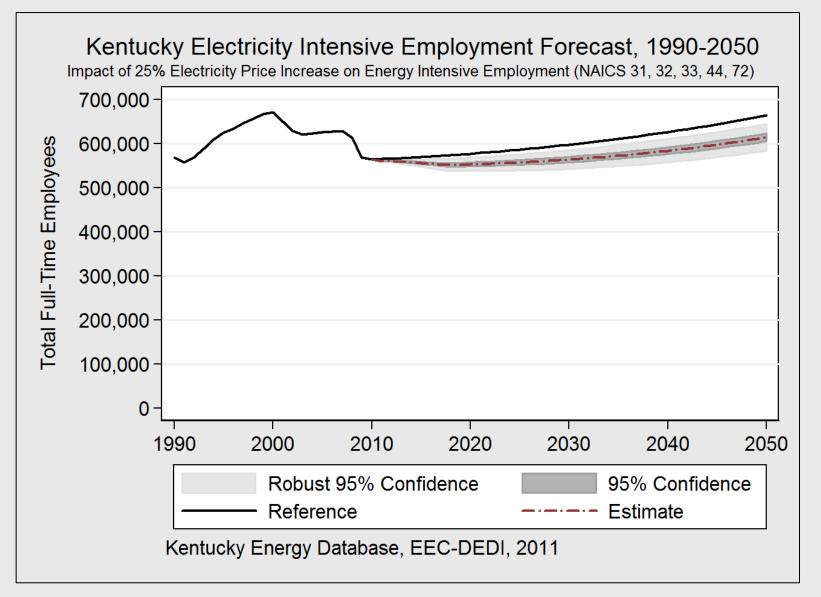
Kentucky Electricity Portfolio & Employment



Employment Depends Upon Electricity – Direct employment for electricity generation, such as power plant operators and coal miners, is a relatively smaller portion of total employment in Kentucky compared to the millions of jobs that depend upon the reliable and inexpensive electricity they produce. Electricity-dependent jobs can be modeled with electricity price elasticity of employment coefficients.

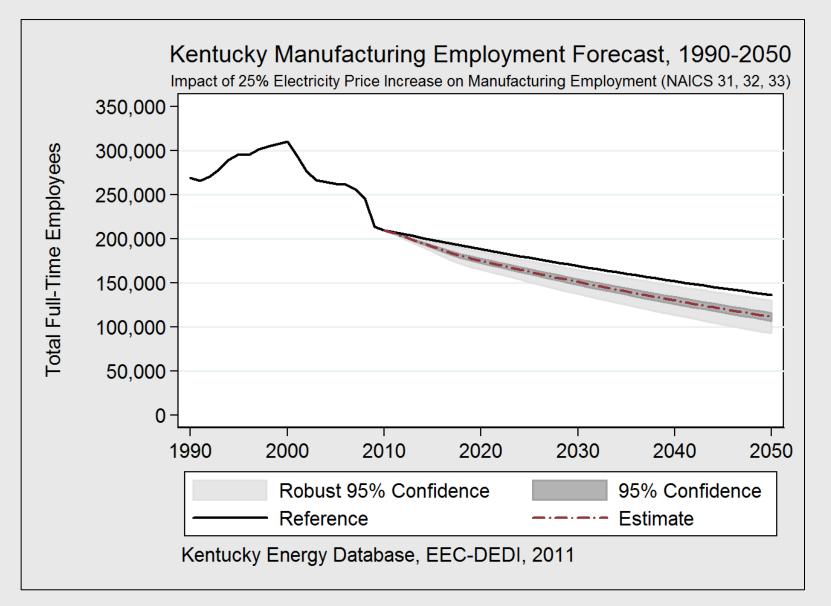


Sensitivity to Electricity Prices Differs by Industry – This study developed price elasticity of employment coefficients for the top five employment sectors in Kentucky by modeling the historical responsiveness of employment nationally. Manufacturers were the most-responsive. Retail stores, restaurants, and hotels were less than half as responsive. Government and healthcare showed no responsiveness whatsoever.

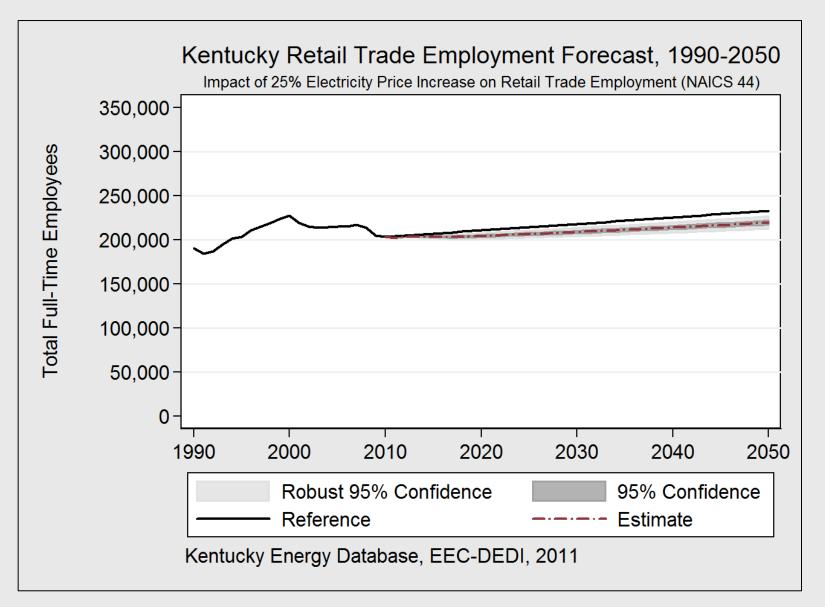


Combined Impact of Electricity-Intensive Sectors - Given a 25% increase in real electricity prices by 2025, Kentucky's most electricity-intensive economic sectors, (manufacturing, retail trade, restaurants, and hotels) could be expected to shed a combined total of 30,237 full-time jobs and with 95% confidence and robust standard errors between 12,620 and 50,947.

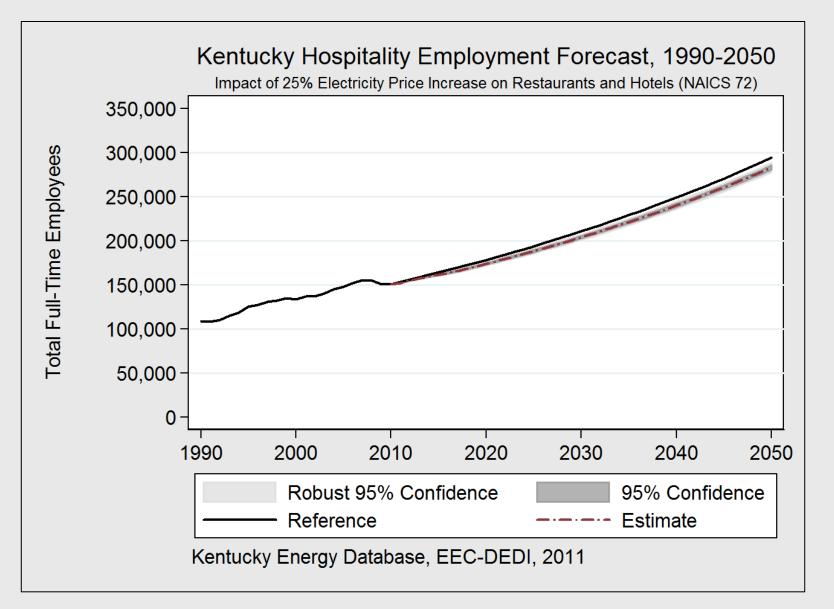
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Manufacturers are the Most-Responsive to Electricity Prices - Given a 25% increase in real electricity prices by 2025, manufacturing establishments in Kentucky would be expected to permanently shed an additional 17,660 full-time jobs long-run as a direct result of price increases, and with 95% confidence using robust standard errors between 5,764 and 31,022 full-time jobs, ceteris paribus.

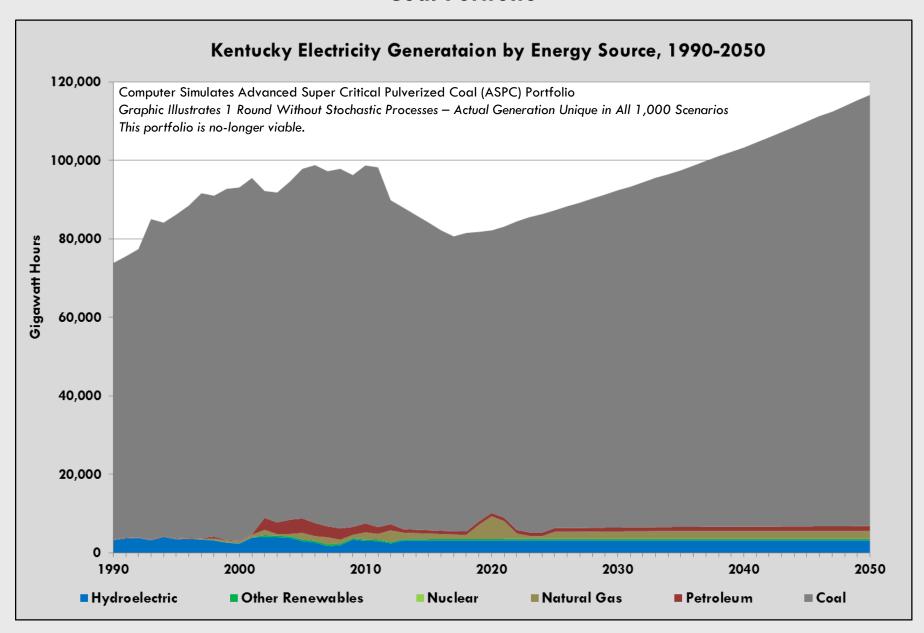


Retail Stores are Much Less Responsive - Given a 25% increase in real electricity prices by 2025, retail establishments in Kentucky would be expected to fail to create **7,225** full-time jobs long-run, and with 95% confidence using robust standard errors, between **3,916** and **12,160** full-time jobs, ceteris paribus.

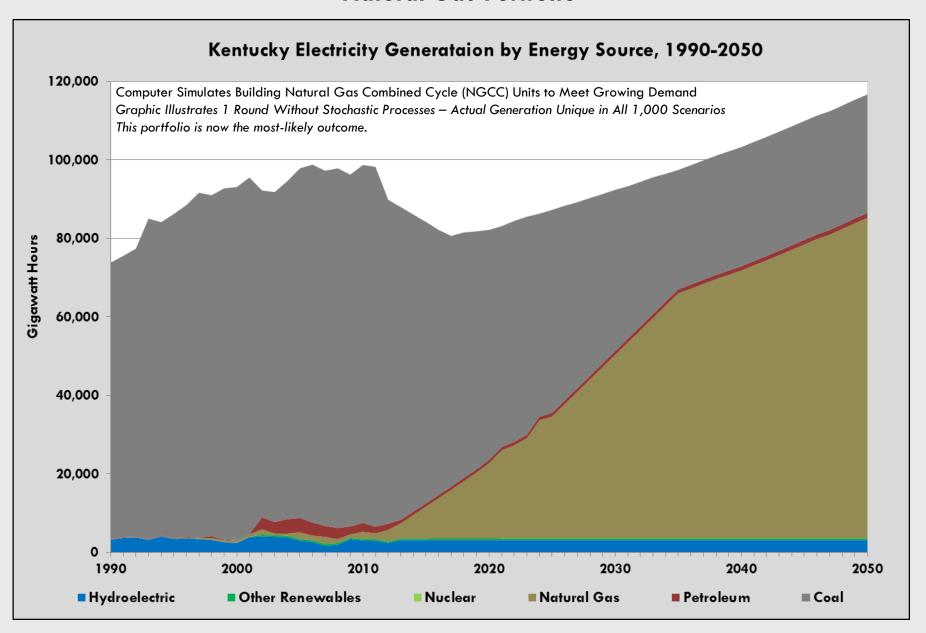


Restaurants and Hotels are Even Less Responsive - Given a 25% increase in real electricity prices by 2025, restaurants and hotels in Kentucky would be expected to shed **5,352** full-time jobs long-run, and with 95% confidence using robust standard errors, between **2,940** and **7,765** full-time jobs, ceteris paribus.

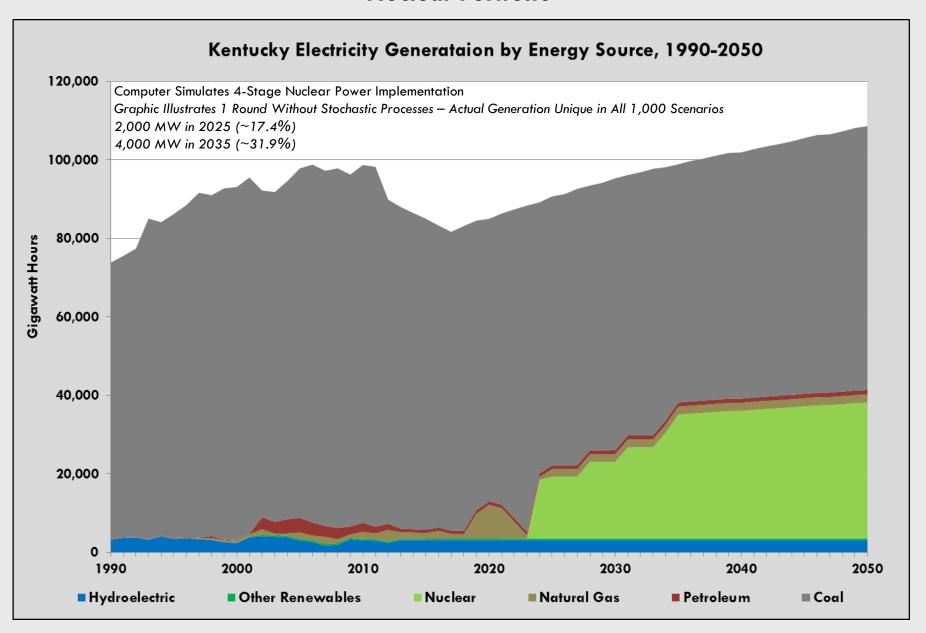
Coal Portfolio



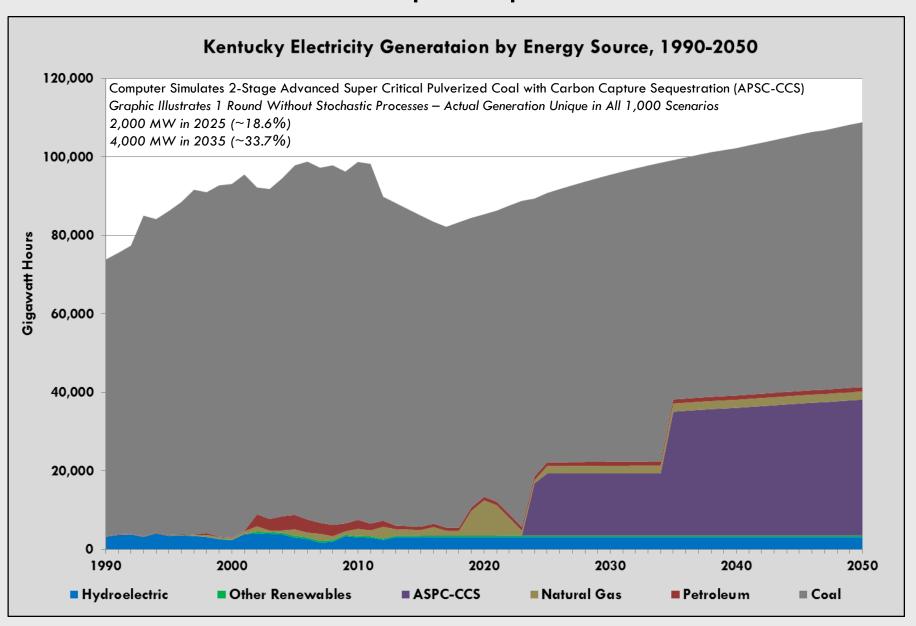
Natural Gas Portfolio



Nuclear Portfolio

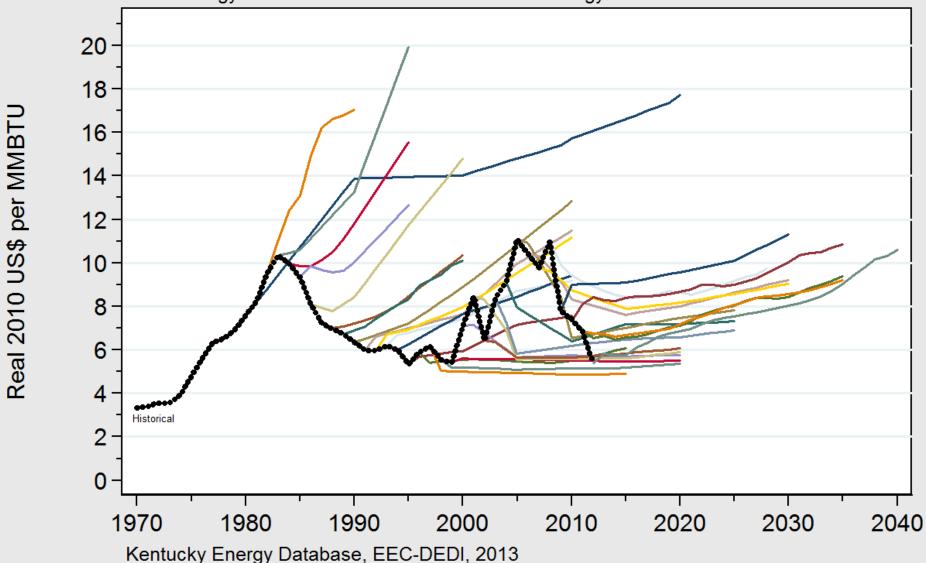


Coal with Carbon Capture Sequestration Portfolio

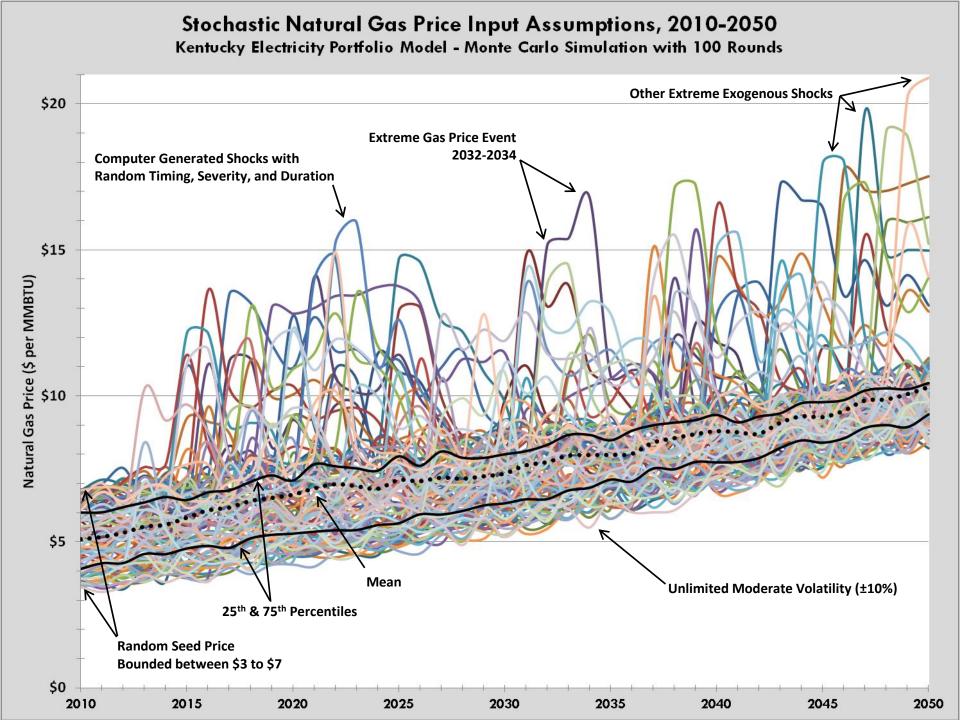


EIA Natural Gas Price Forecasts, 1979-2013

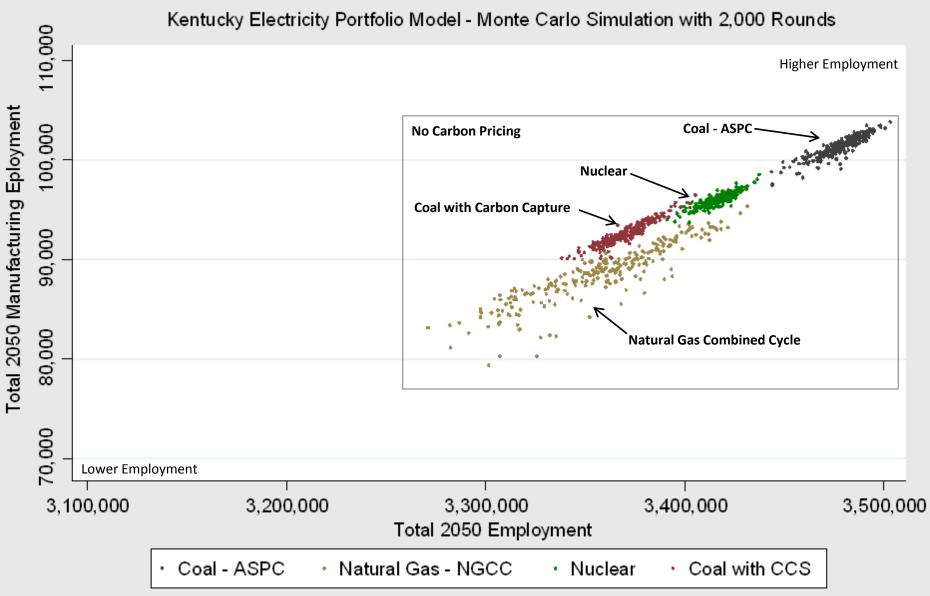
Energy Information Administration Annual Energy Outlook Forecasts vs. Actual



Data Sources: EIA-AEO 1979-2013 - Reference Case Delivered Price - All Sectors & BLS-CPI, 2013

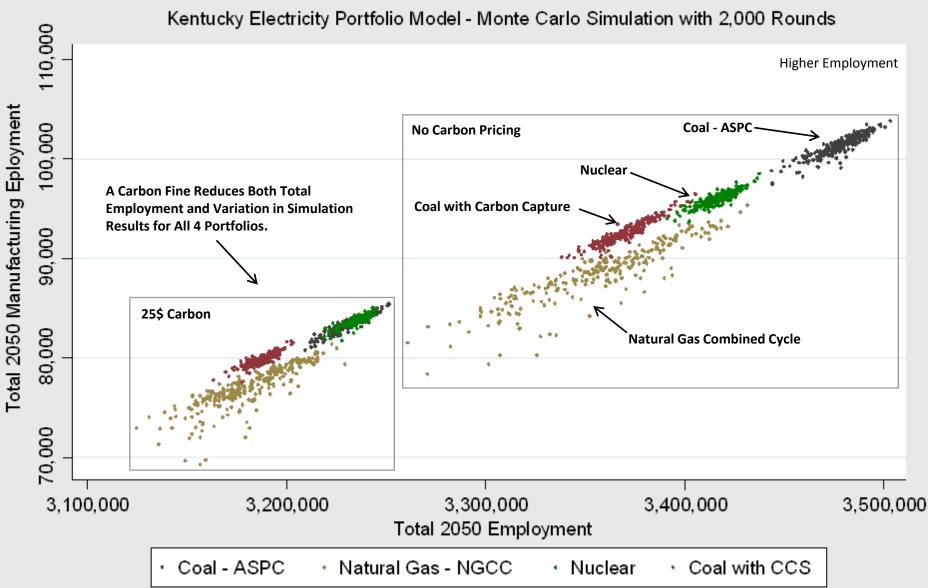


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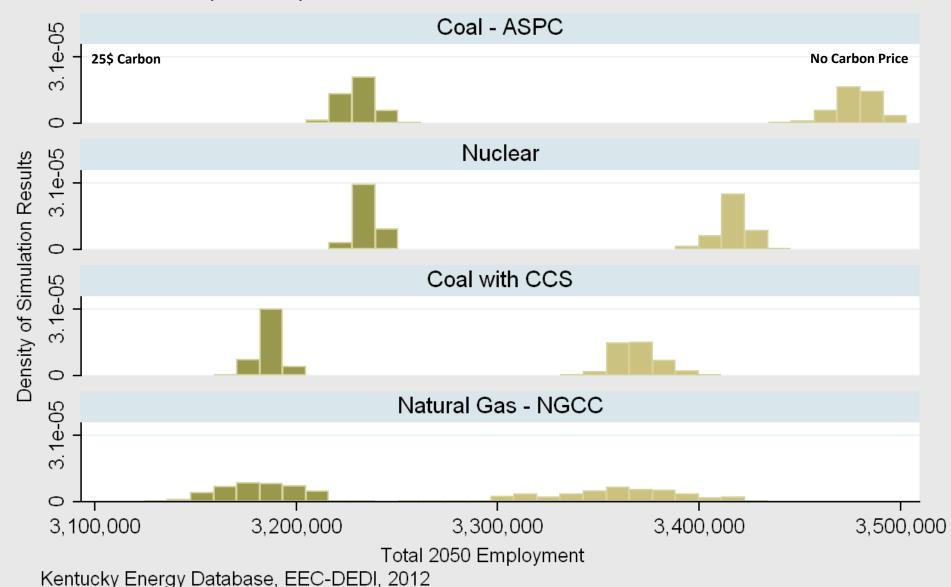
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Kentucky Employment Responsiveness to Electricity Generating Portfolios

Kentucky Electricity Portfolio Model - Monte Carlo Simulation with 2,000 Rounds



Conclusion

Concluding Remarks

- Electricity costs and reliability are important factors for manufacturing-intensive economies.
- In manufacturing-intensive economies, considerations for base-load generation dominate.
- Current and pending policies, along with societal concerns, are limiting base-load generation options.
- The US is moving toward a single base-load generation option.
- Price elasticity of employment should be taken into consideration, when trying to understand such impacts.

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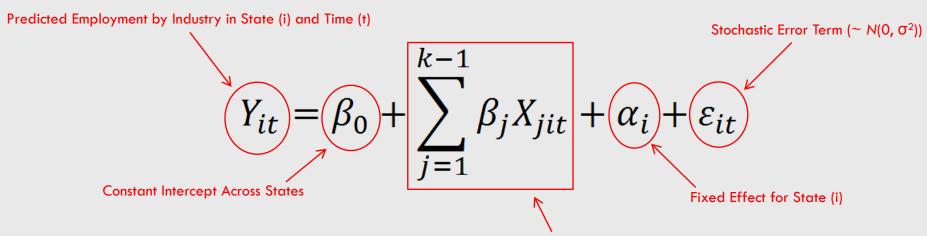
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Appendix

Analytical Methodology

A multiple regression of panel data model using fixed effects was estimated for each of the top five employment opportunities in Kentucky, both with and without robust standard errors, for a total of ten models. Fixed effects were used to control for the numerous factors inherently affecting sector-specific employment as well as electricity prices from state to state that have not been accounted for in the independent variables included in this study. The result is a conservative estimate of the isolated national effect of the variable of interest, real electricity prices on employment by industry.

The multiple regression of panel data model with fixed effects can be generally given by,



Sum of the product of the observation for each independent variable i through k for state i in year t and the coefficient of Xi

Where *i* and *t* index states and years, such that y_{it} is the dependent variable of interest, employment by industry, in state *i* in year *t*, β_0 is the constant *y* intercept across all states, *X* is a *k* by 1 vector of explanatory variables, $\beta_i X_{jit}$ is the product of the observation for each independent variable *j* through *k* for state *i* in year *t* and the coefficient of *X*, *k* is the total number of included independent variables, α_i is the time-invariant fixed effect for state *i*, and ϵ_{it} are the residuals, and where $\epsilon_{it} \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$, or are approximately normally distributed with a mean of zero.

Model of Electricity Prices & Employment by Sector

Logged Variables	Manufacturing Employment	Retail Employment	Hospitality Employment	Healthcare Employment	Government Employment
Price of Electricity	-0.337 ***	-0.158 ***	-0.142 ***	-0.0426 **	0.00084
(Real 2010 US\$)	(-0.0307)	(-0.0136)	(-0.0152)	(-0.0158)	(-0.0101)
	0.0249	-0.108	-0.0679	-0.536 ***	-0.14 **
Educational Attainment	(-0.146)	(-0.065)	(-0.0728)	(-0.0758)	(-0.0482)
State GDP	0.744 ***	0.509 ***	0.318 ***	0.17 ***	0.253 ***
(Real 2010 US\$)	(-0.0514)	(-0.0228)	(-0.0255)	(-0.0265)	(-0.0169)
Population	0.166 **	0.26 ***	0.129 ***	0.37 ***	0.258 ***
	(-0.0532)	(-0.0236)	(-0.0264)	(-0.0275)	(-0.0175)
Year	-76 . 05 ***	-11.31 ***	21.11 ***	55.21 ***	3.801 *
	(-5.536)	(-2.457)	(-2.752)	(-2.861)	(-1.819)
Constant	579.4 **	88.85 ***	-153.9 ***	-413.5 ***	-22.72
	(-41.38)	(-18.36)	(-20.57)	(-21.39)	(-13.6)
R-Squared	0.7776	0.956	0.9219	0.8885	0.9344
Observations (N x t)	1069	1071	1069	1071	1071
Number of States (N)	51	51	51	51	51

Standard Errors in Parentheses

Asterisk Denotes Statistical Significance at the Following Levels: * p<0.05, ** p<0.01, *** p<0.001